Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Baltus (Fritz) Fritzemeier was born and raised at Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, after graduating from Mt. Vernon High School, Fritz attended Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) in 1941; and,

Whereas, In March of 1943, Fritz enlisted in the Army, serving in the Tank Corps in Europe. The last six months of his tour of duty, he was a player and coach on an Army team during the occupation and won many honors for the Sixth Calvary Mechanized Team, which led to his interest in coaching; and,

Whereas, Fritz returned to DWU to complete his Bachelor's Degree. He started his coaching career in Ethan, South Dakota, later moving to Wagner, and then moving to Sioux Falls where he taught and coached until his retirement in 1986; and,

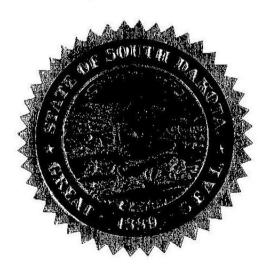
Whereas, Fritz received many coaching and athletic awards and was inducted into Washington High School's Athletic Hall of Fame; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2011 as

FRITZ FRITZEMEIER DAY

in South Dakota, and thank Fritz for his dedication, selfless service, and leadership in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Cant, Secretary of State